



## Summer Food Service Program



## Bulletin

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**Subject:** USDA Policy Memos and Information

To view previous USDA policy memos, visit:  
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/policy>

### Additional Topics:

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**Program changes as a result of USDA Policy Memos are to be implemented immediately. Please file this bulletin for reference, guidance and compliance with the Summer Food Service Program. Feel free to call the Child Nutrition Programs office if you need further clarification.**

### Additional Topics

- **CNP Web Open for 2017 Applications**

The Child Nutrition Programs database is now open for 2017 applications. Returning sponsor information should roll over from the previous year. New sponsors will be required to submit all application documents on paper prior to being added to the CNP web. **Please see attached CNP Web Tutorial for more information.**

CNP Web link: <https://cnsonline.alaska.gov/cnpweb/Login.asp>

- **Reminder! 2017 SFSP Annual Training**

Annual training is required in order to be an eligible sponsor and receive reimbursement in summer 2017.

- Distance training via WebEx for all non-school sponsors, new and returning, will be held on **Thursday, April 13, 2017.**
- Distance training via WebEx for all school district sponsors, new and returning, will be held on **Thursday, April 20, 2017.**
- In person training will be held in Anchorage at the **BP Energy Center at 900 E. Benson Blvd.** on **Tuesday, May 2, 2017.** This is an all-day training for new and returning sponsors. The [Residence Inn Marriott](#) is across the parking lot if you need hotel accommodations.

If you have not registered for training, please submit [training registration](#), found on our website, to [Cyde.Coil@alaska.gov](mailto:Cyde.Coil@alaska.gov). WebEx login and dial-in information will be sent out via email prior to the training date(s).

- **Updated Power Up for Summer Fun Resources**

Summer Meals promotional materials have been updated for summer 2017. Check out the flyers, posters, bookmarks, and business cards [here](#).

- **Announcing the Inaugural Turnip the Beet Winners!**

USDA recently awarded the first-ever Turnip the Beet awards, recognizing outstanding Summer Meal Program sponsors who work hard to offer high quality meals that are appetizing, appealing, and nutritious. Summer sites have the opportunity to positively impact children's healthy development by offering nutritious meals and encouraging children to develop healthy habits at a young age. Plus, kids vote with their feet in the summer! Offering meals that children enjoy can help sustain and increase participation.



In 2016, 49 sponsors from across the country earned Bronze, Silver, or Gold Turnip the Beet awards. Congratulations to all of the 2016 awardees! We thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of our nation's children and encourage you to keep up the great work.

#### **Gold Award Winners**

Lakeside Union School District (CA)	OLHSA Meet Up and Eat Up (MI)
FLIPANY (FL)	Buncombe County Schools (NC)
Baldwin County School Nutrition (GA)	Chapel Hill & Carrboro City Schools Food for the Summer (NC)
Carrollton City Schools (GA)	Wauzeka-Steuben School District (WI)
Northern Illinois Food Bank (IL)	
Abilene Public Schools (KS)	

#### **Silver Award Winners**

Tallapoosa County Schools (AL)	Owensboro Public Schools (KY)
Tuscaloosa County School System (AL)	Calvert County Public Schools Judy Centers (MD)
Hope Public School District (AR)	Buchanan Community Schools (MI)
Manteca Unified Nutrition Education (CA)	Fenton Area Public Schools (MI)
Natomas Unified School District Nutrition Services (CA)	Coahoma County School District (MS)
West Contra Costa Unified School District (CA)	True Vine Life Center (MS)
City of Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space (CO)	Swope Corridor Renaissance (MO)
Brantley County Summer Lunch Program (GA)	YWCA of Adams County (NE)
Carroll County School Nutrition Program (GA)	YMCA of Western North Carolina (NC)
Cherokee County School Nutrition Program (GA)	Oklahoma Regional Food Bank's Hope Kitchen (OK)
Douglas County Schools (GA)	Lawrence County Social Services (PA)
Floyd County Schools (GA)	Cumberland County School Nutrition (TN)
Fulton County School Nutrition Program (GA)	Putnam County Schools (TN)
Marietta City Schools School Nutrition Program (GA)	Green Bay Area Public Schools (WI)
North Lawrence Community Schools (IN)	Sheboygan Area School District (WI)
Dare to Care Community Kitchen (KY)	

#### **Bronze Award Winners**

Rogers Public School District (AR)	Ray Bird Ministries (IN)
Capital School District (DE)	Gwinn Area Community Schools (MI)
Seaford School District (DE)	Columbus Municipal School District (MS)
Savannah-Chatham School Nutrition Program (GA)	Rockingham County Schools (NC)

- **USDA Monitoring Guide for Sponsors Now Available**

The Monitor's Guide for Sponsors is now available on the USDA Program Guidance Page here: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/handbooks>. Changes are highlighted in red text. The following guides are forthcoming and will be printed and distributed upon release:

- Administrative Guidance for Sponsors
- Site Supervisor's Guide
- Nutrition Guidance for Sponsors

- **Summer Site Activity Guides and Nutrition Education Materials Available**

USDA Team Nutrition Materials are a great way to add activities and nutrition education to your SFSP sites. We have 50 [Summer Food](#), [Summer Moves](#) kits available in our office to any sponsors who wish to receive them, free of charge. Click on the hyperlinks to see what an example of what each looks like. These include:

- [Operator Activity Guide](#)
- [Activity Guides for Families](#) (1 of 6)
- [Posters](#) (1 of 7)
- [Flyers](#) (1 of 6)
- [Activity Placemats](#)
- [Recipes](#) (1 of 6)
- [Additional Resources](#) (1 of 5)



- **Upcoming SFSP Webinars & Conference Calls**

- No Kid Hungry – Improving Meal Quality in the Summer, One Change at a Time. **Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM AST.** Improving meal quality is a key strategy for increasing participation in summer meals. We also know that meal quality can be defined in various ways for different people. In this webinar, we'll hear from sponsors who operate summer meals programs that provide meals that are tasty and appealing to children. Learn about their challenges and barriers, lessons learned and strategies for ensuring meal quality – while controlling costs – to maximize participation in summer meals. In addition, you'll leave this webinar equipped with resources from Share Our Strength's Cooking Matters team and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. Bring your questions and ideas to enrich this discussion during the extended Q&A session. Click [here](#) to register.
- FRAC – Tapping into Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations. Thursday, **May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM.** Faith-based and neighborhood organizations can support meal preparation, programming, outreach to increase your participation, and ultimately help build up community support and investment in your summer program. Join this call to learn how these partners can help ensure the sustainability and growth of your program overtime to enable you to serve a greater number of children in your community when the school year ends. Click [here](#) to register.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events & Deadlines

<b>SFSP Applications Due for Sponsors Requesting Advance Payments</b>	<b>April 15, 2017</b>
<b>No Kid Hungry Improving Meal Quality in Summer Webinar</b>	<b>April 18, 2017</b>
<b>Distance Training for School Sponsors</b>	<b>April 20, 2017</b>
<b>SFSP Training at Anchorage BP Center</b>	<b>May 2, 2017</b>
<b>FRAC Tapping into Faith-Based and Neighborhood Organizations</b>	<b>May 4, 2017</b>
<b>Final day to submit SFSP Applications</b> <u>All applications must be submitted no later</u>	<b>June 15, 2017</b>

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### Commonly Used Acronyms

SFSP – Summer Food Service Program  
CNP – Child Nutrition Programs  
WRO – Western Region Office  
FNS – Food & Nutrition Services  
FNSRO-Food & Nut Services Reg. Office  
USDA – U.S. Department of Agriculture  
EED – Education & Early Development  
DEC – Department of Conservation  
LEA – Local Education Agency



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